

REMARKS

Claims 7-19 are pending in the present application.

Reconsideration of the rejections made in the July 14, 2008 Office Action is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Japanese Patent 2857840 in view of U.S. Patent 3,688,525. Applicant notes that claims 1-6 have been cancelled by preliminary amendment, filed February 3, 2006. Therefore, this rejection is moot, and Applicant respectfully requests that this case be passed to issuance.

Applicants respectfully submit that all of claims 7-19 are in condition for allowance. If it is believed that the application is not in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the telephone number below.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fee for such an extension together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

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